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The Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) is a new National Airspace System that guides jetliners using GPS technology instead of ground-based air traffic controllers. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) claims NextGen will shorten routes, save time and fuel, and reduce traffic delays by allowing jetliners to be spaced much closer together in tighter new routes that are at lower altitudes. However, communities in the San Gabriel Valley have major concerns that NextGen will introduce louder, unrelenting jet noise in neighborhoods. Last week, the Los Angeles Times reported that the Bay Area, where NextGen has been implemented, saw a 2,706% surge in noise complaints. Elected officials and residents of the San Gabriel Valley are also concerned that NextGen was not vetted publicly. Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, who represents parts of the San Gabriel Valley and sits on the House Transportation Committee, stated the FAA did not inform her of the plan until July. This is unacceptable and the FAA needs to delay implementation of the plan and form a working group with all impacted cities and unincorporated communities to vet the issues and develop a workable plan.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter to the FAA requesting that they delay implementation of the NextGen system until a working group of impacted cities and unincorporated communities in the San Gabriel Valley be formed to discuss concerns and develop a workable plan.

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